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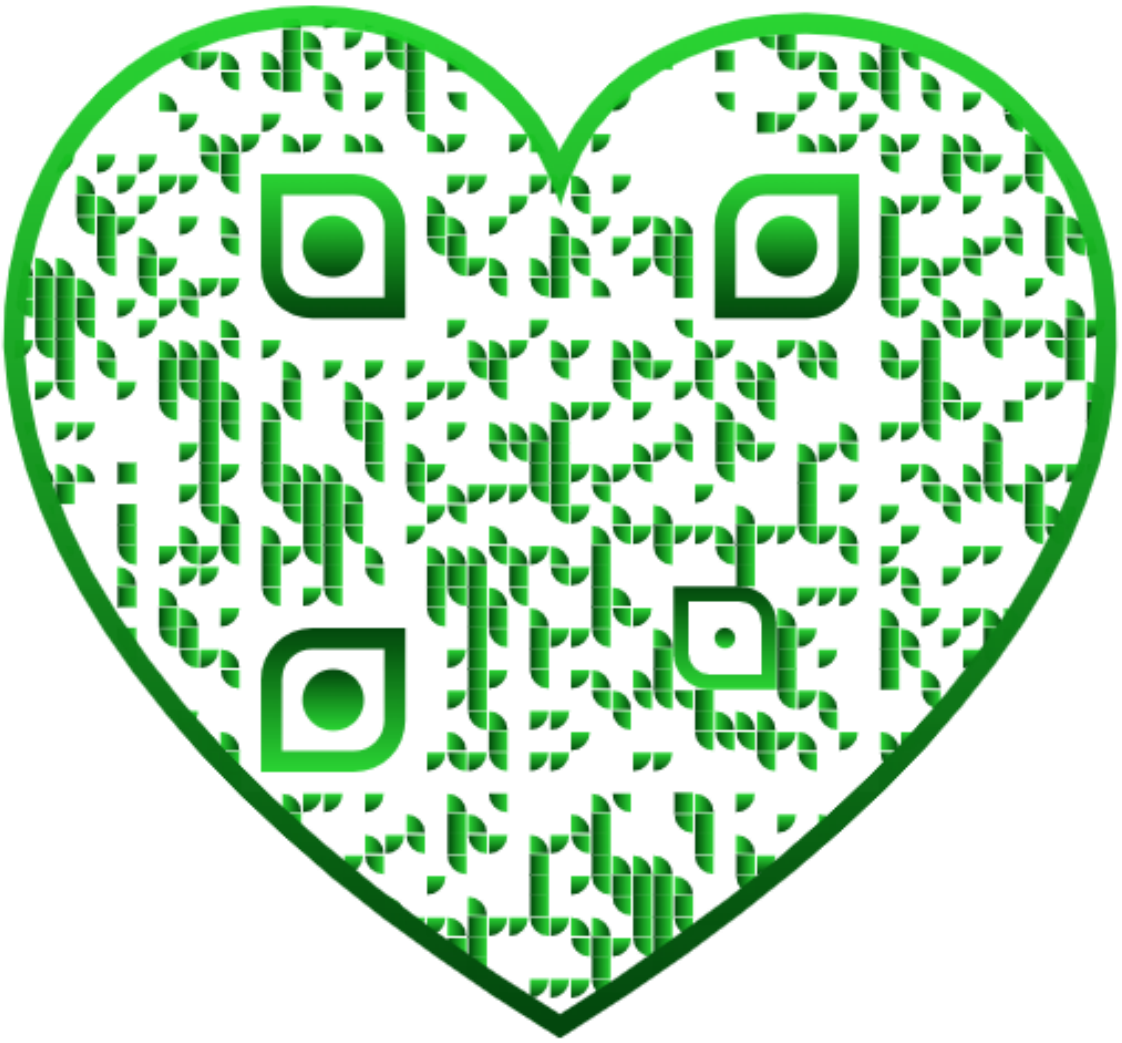

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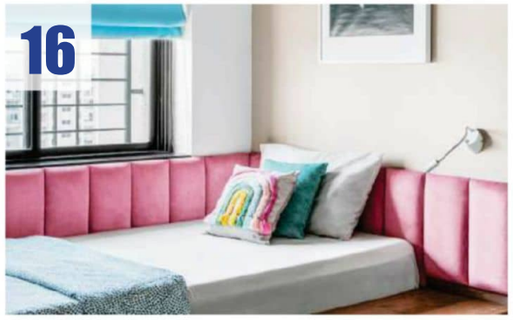

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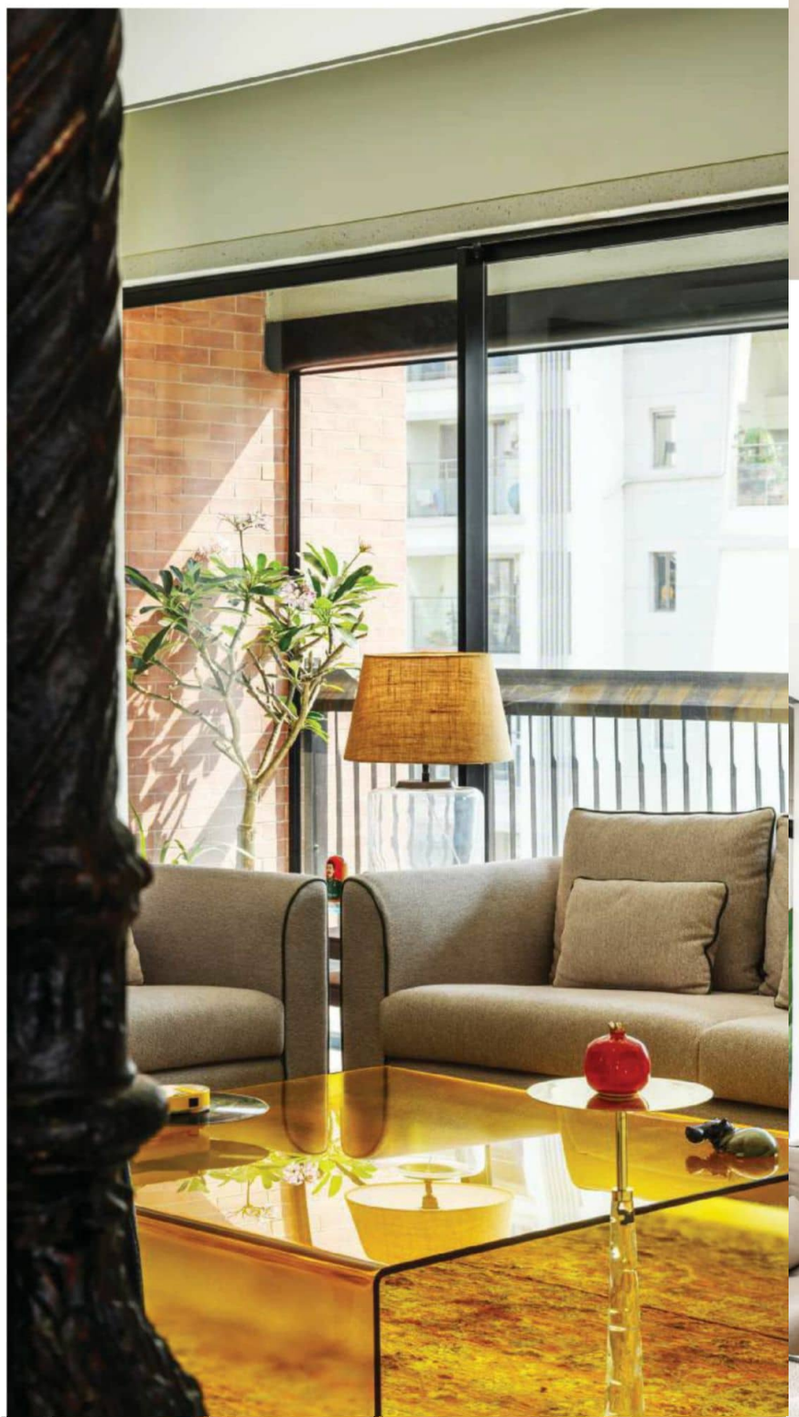
Aum Architects designs a refined, all-encompassing residence

"This house expresses who we are and how we live. It is designed for us to enjoy and reflect our tastes, memories, and aspirations." — Aum Architects.

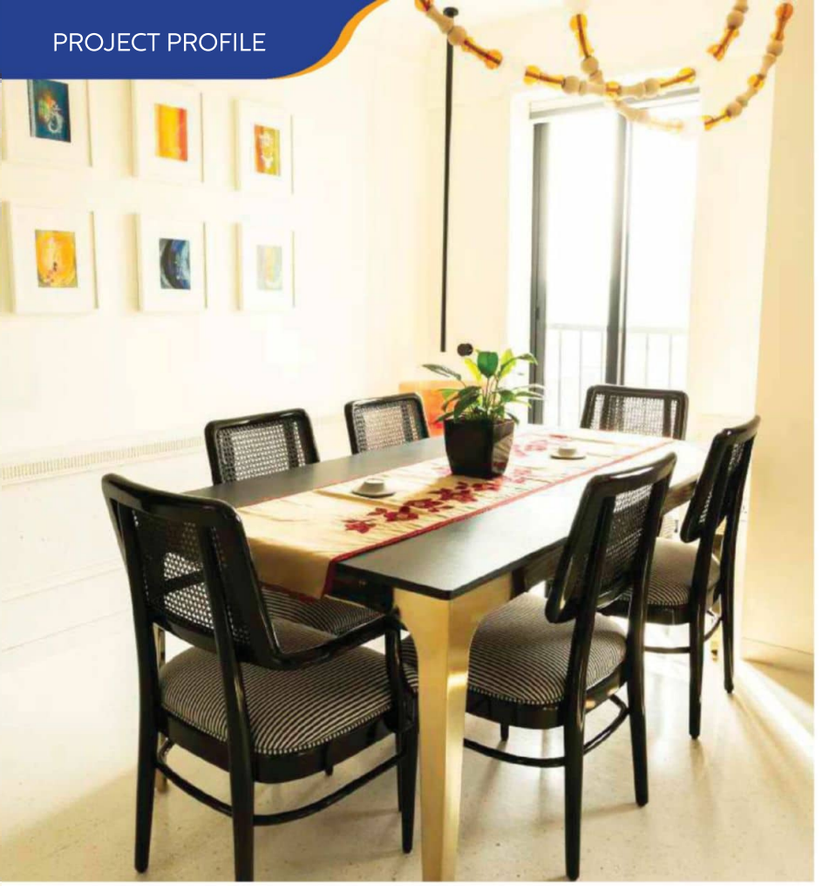
Aram, the residence of Manish Dikshit, Principal Architect at Aum Architects, exemplifies balance in design, function, and personal expression. This 1350-square-foot Mumbai home, named after the Tamil word for "not too good, not too bad," embodies balance, ensuring every element resonates with its inhabitants and visitors. Aram is an immersive experience that expertly juxtaposes materials, colours, and textures to create layered narratives that unfold on both spatial and detailed levels.



Nestled within Mumbai's bustling urban landscape, Aram's Haussmann-inspired interiors, commonly found in European architecture, provide a striking contrast. Classical design elements blend naturally with modern necessities, creating an elegant and functional home. Personal artefacts collected during the residents' travels are thoughtfully incorporated into the décor, infusing the space with intimate stories and nostalgia.

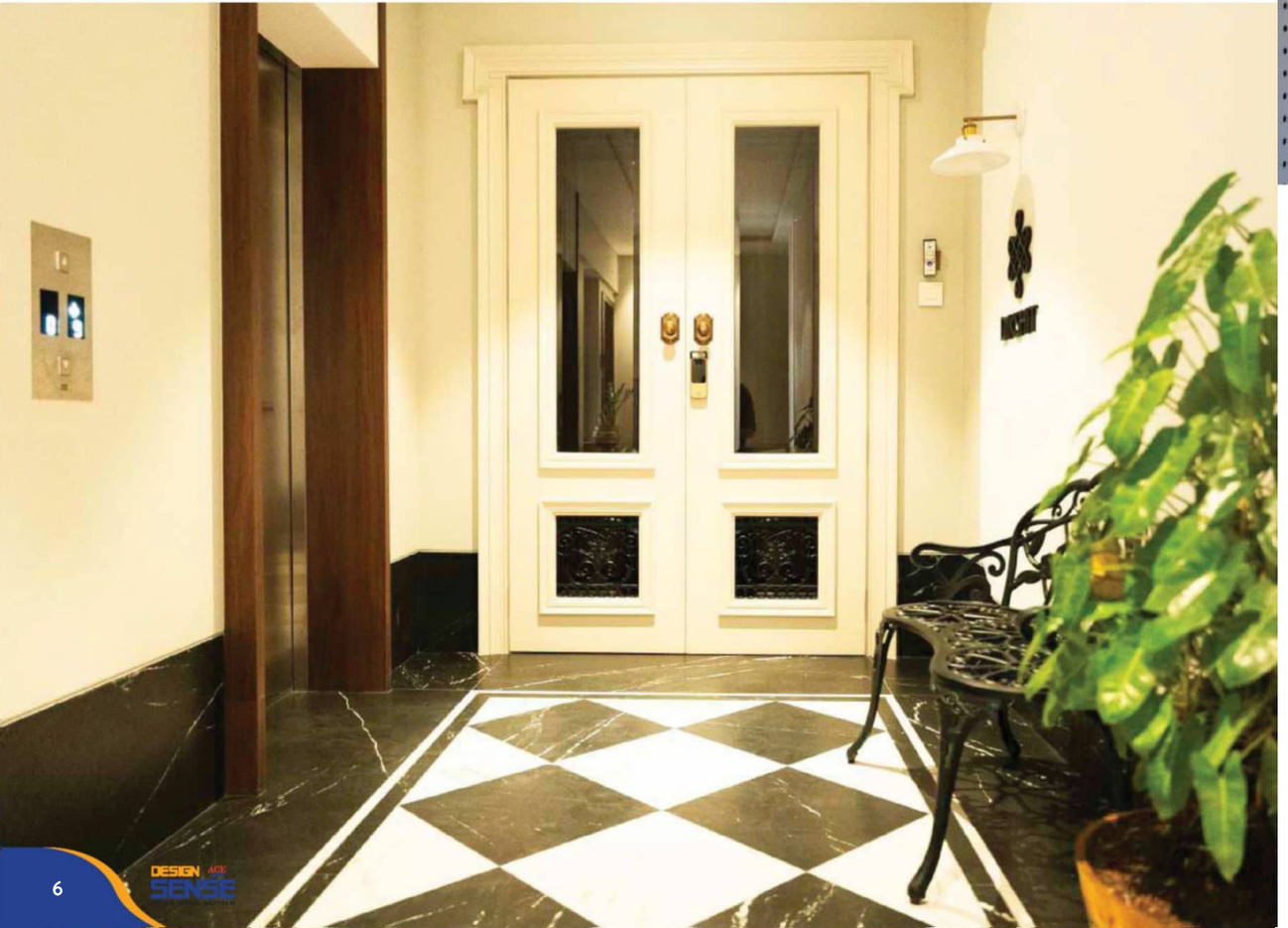
The entrance foyer, with traditional chequered flooring and ornate doorways, sets a neoclassical tone. It leads into a living room with muted tones punctuated by vibrant bursts of colour. A striking mango-yellow glass table stands out among the subdued seating, and a Parisian-themed nook adds an unexpected visual delight. Wall mouldings, intricate carvings, and carefully curated furnishings contribute to the layered look.

The open floor plan allows the dining and kitchen areas to flow coherently, making them the heart of the home. A 150-year-old cast iron pillar from Calcutta stands between the living and kitchen areas, providing a historical contrast to the kitchen's sleek modernity. A sculptural glass basin and an organic



chandelier round out the visual composition, creating multiple focal points that increase the room's dynamism.

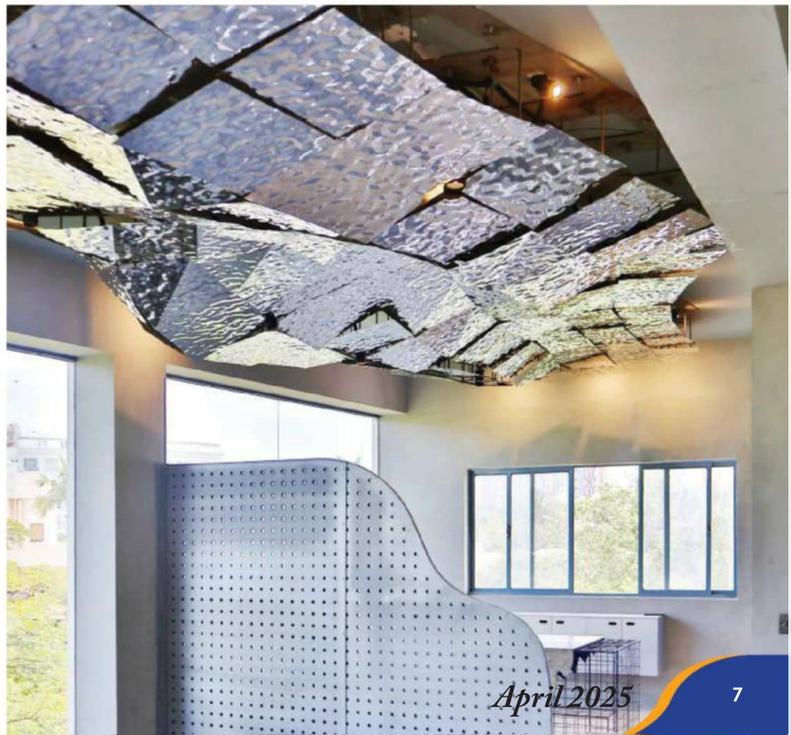
Exquisite craftsmanship is visible even in private areas. Sculpted wooden beds, custom bedside tables, and intricate detailing add character and sophistication. Aram is a sensory experience in which light and shadow dance across various materials, bold colour contrasts draw attention, and each design choice tells a story. More than just a house, Aram is a conversation between the past and the present, a testament to timeless design and personal expression.



A start-up office space reflecting creativity and innovation

"This office space is a dynamic blend of creativity, function, and form that aims to shift traditional workspace aesthetics and stimulate innovation." — HSC Designs.

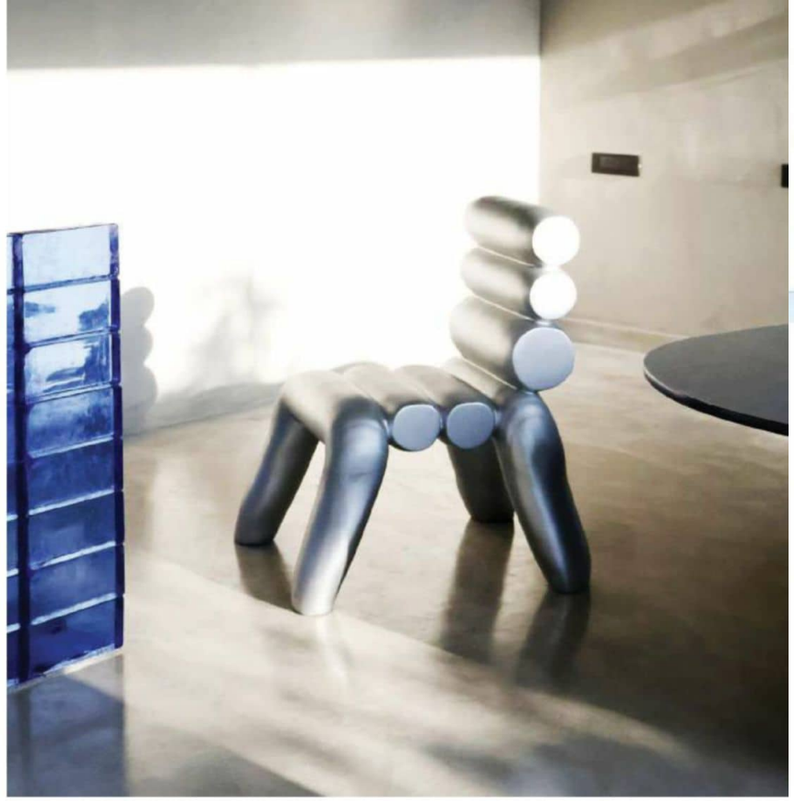
Designing the workspace for the young start-up focused on spatial and experiential design; the design philosophy aimed to create an atmosphere that reflected their aesthetics, values, and branding colours. The highly creative designer client saw the space as the starting point for her aesthetic exploration. With this in mind, Mirages Azul was designed as an office that reflects the essence of the start-up and fosters an environment conducive to creativity.



The neutral concrete floors and walls greet you as a calming foundation, like a blank canvas waiting to be filled. Sunlight streams through large windows, accentuating every curve, shadow, and reflection, giving the space a dynamic presence. The contrast between raw industrial elements (polished concrete and clean lines) and bold, unconventional furniture creates depth and intrigue.

A striking chair made of cylindrical metallic tubes is more than just seating; it is a sculptural centrepiece that challenges traditional office furniture expectations. Its sleek, robotic form challenges conventional wisdom, while a fluid, organic desk enhances it with its dynamic presence. The desk's deep blue glass base creates a striking contrast against the smooth tabletop, adding layers of texture that encourage interaction.

The glossy sapphire-blue partition wall in the office serves as a structured counterpoint to the fluid furniture. Reflective glass



blocks capture the shifting light, creating a sophisticated yet playful atmosphere. This rich blue hue complements the start-up's vibrant identity, and the grid-like tile arrangement adds a subtle sense of order to the creative chaos.

The ceiling, which is adorned with fragmented, mirrored metal panels, is the focal point. This shimmering, dynamic installation evokes images of shattered reflections or a reimagined night sky. It encapsulates the start-up's bold, forward-thinking philosophy as if every detail reflects the limitless potential of the work taking place below.

Every design element in Mirages Azul is outstanding, blurring the line between art and function. It is more than just an office; it is a creative incubator where innovation is encouraged andnecessary.

Daylight optimisation, the primary design philosophy

"By incorporating natural light into our designs, we produce areas that radiate cosiness, refinement, and a smooth reflection of style." — PS Design.

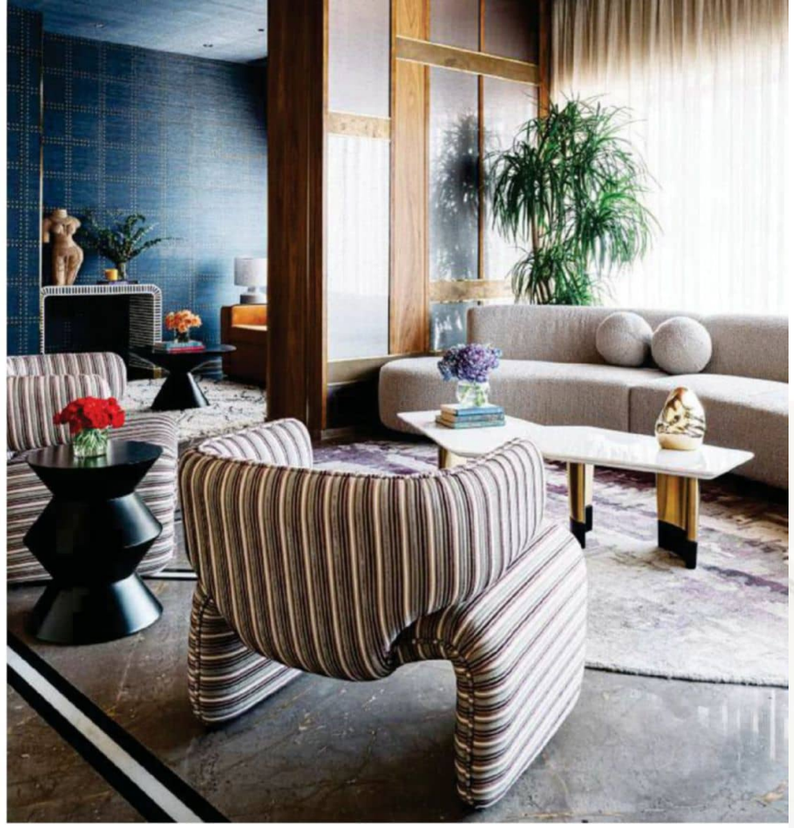
PS Design elevates contemporary luxury in a modern home by incorporating natural light as a primary design element. Their design philosophy produces airy, welcoming, and subtly sophisticated rooms. PS Design creates refined spaces prioritising openness, rich textures, and sculptural forms, where aesthetics and functionality coexist effortlessly.

Large floor-to-ceiling windows, which let sunlight stream freely and enhance architectural details while producing a dynamic interplay of light and shadow, are a clear example of PS Design's proficiency in using daylight optimisation. The light is filtered by sheer curtains and soft draperies, creating a warm glow that improves the atmosphere and creates a peaceful, upbeat space.

Materiality is essential in these carefully planned areas. Extensive handcrafted details, warm wooden finishes, and luxurious textiles add layers of depth and texture. From bold geometric chairs to curved loungers, sculptured furniture adds an artistic element while keeping the space welcoming. The refined aesthetic is exemplified by a sophisticated colour scheme that includes earthy tones with

subtle metallics and deep blue accents.

PS Design prefers tranquillity over visual appeal, ensuring that each space provides balance and serenity. Whether a sunlit lounge overlooking lush landscapes or a cosy nook bathed in natural light, every element is carefully curated to harmonise light, material, and form. By embracing this philosophy, PS Design continues to push the boundaries of luxury interiors, creating homes that celebrate natural illumination with timeless sophistication.



A serene fusion of heritage and modernity

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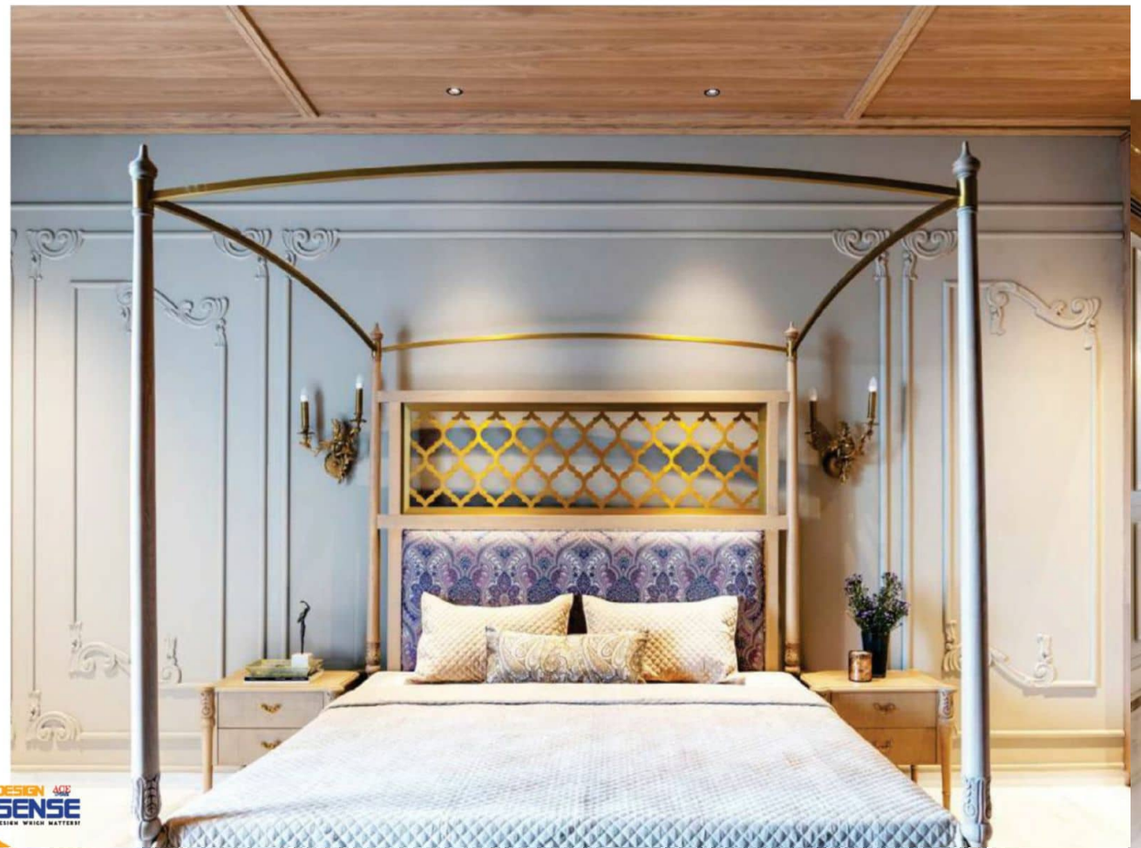
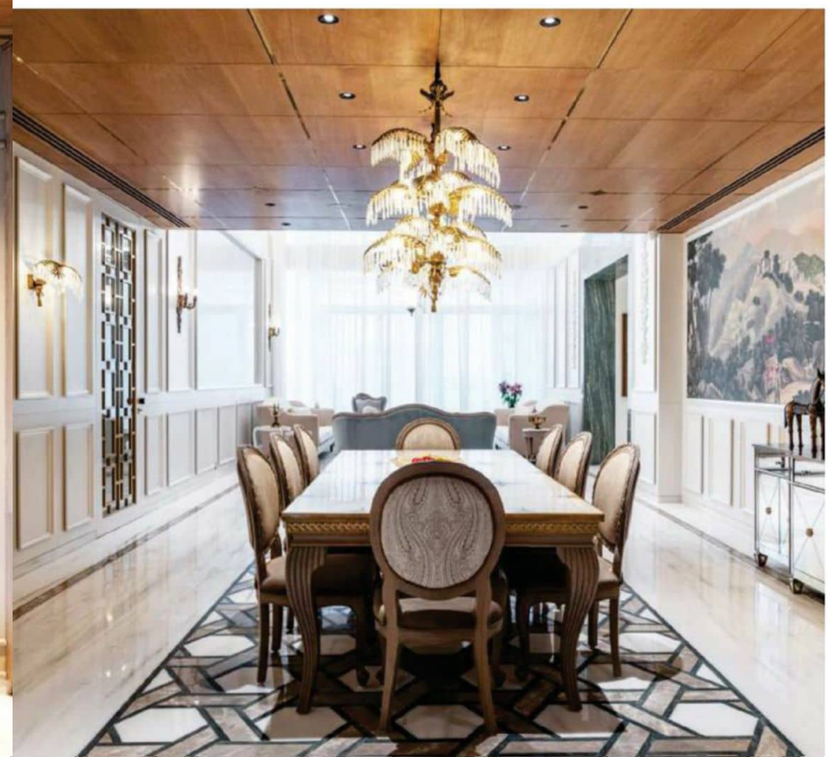
Aria, located in Koregaon Park, Pune, is a 10,000-square-foot home that combines modern minimalism with timeless heritage. Designed for a Kolhapur-based family of three, it provides a luxurious yet easy-to-maintain retreat adorned with vintage elements. Every corner reflects the family's love for tradition while also embracing modern elegance.

The journey starts with a foyer that exudes understated opulence. A grey forest-themed wallpaper sets a serene tone, which is enhanced by grand white wingback chairs and a golden statement table adorned with fresh florals. To the left, a pristine white temple with Jodhpur marble jaalis and golden floral detailing exudes tranquilly, a modern take on sacred architecture.

The living room's double-height ceiling emphasises grandeur. Warm golden-upholstered sofas sit on a vintage carpet, and a statement metal chandelier casts an ethereal glow over ivory-accented furniture with intricate Indian motifs. The dining area adjoins this space and is a work of art. A marble table with gold inlays is paired with arched ivory-and-gold chairs, and a mirrored chest of drawers is framed by regal wallpaper. The adjacent island kitchen, furnished in grey and white, strikes a balance between style and efficiency.

Bedrooms are accessible via a subtly panelled corridor. The master bedroom has a half-panelled wall with nature-inspired wallpaper, a plush lounge chair, and a modern dresser. A walk-in wardrobe with an additional dresser provides plenty of storage, and the en-suite bathroom exudes warmth with beige and dark brown tones. The second bedroom, which features a four-poster bed and rattan-finish wardrobes, embraces earthy tones, while the daughter's room adds pops of colour with nature-inspired wardrobe inlays. The fourth bedroom, with its striking brown stone accent and olive-green bathroom, exudes tranquillity.





The den is a stylish retreat, complete with leather couches, a wooden centre table and a bar area with green leather swivel chairs. The bathroom has golden floral detailing that combines modern and vintage elements. The sunlit terrace, which features a marble-finish table and a cascading fountain, provides a peaceful retreat.

Aria efficiently balances modernity and tradition, practicality and artistry. With its neutral palette and intricate details, it tells the story of evolving architecture, personal passions, and familial bonds—a timeless yet forward-thinking refuge.

Zephyr is a harmonious integration of style and versatility

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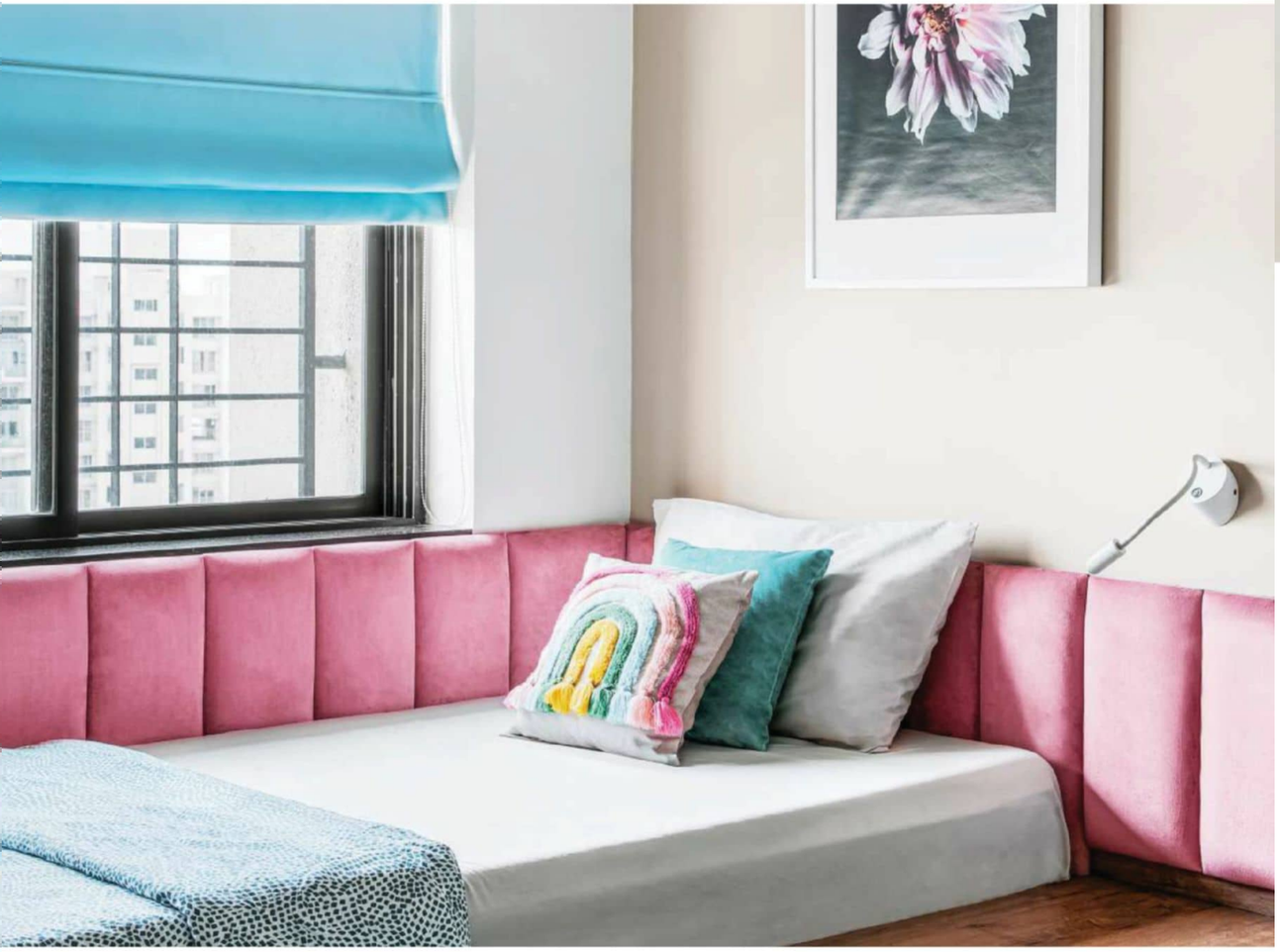

A once-crowded flat in the centre of Pune has been transformed into a tranquil urban retreat that skilfully combines classic comfort with modern design. This 1330-square-foot home, created by Joohie Patel, Principal Designer at The Design Compound, reimagines daily life with its thoughtful design, light-filled areas, and warm, tactile material palette.

The project was approached to build a house that would enhance the everyday lives of a family of four and satisfy their changing needs. The apartment was fully renovated while maintaining the original structure, emphasising cost-effectiveness and adaptive reuse.

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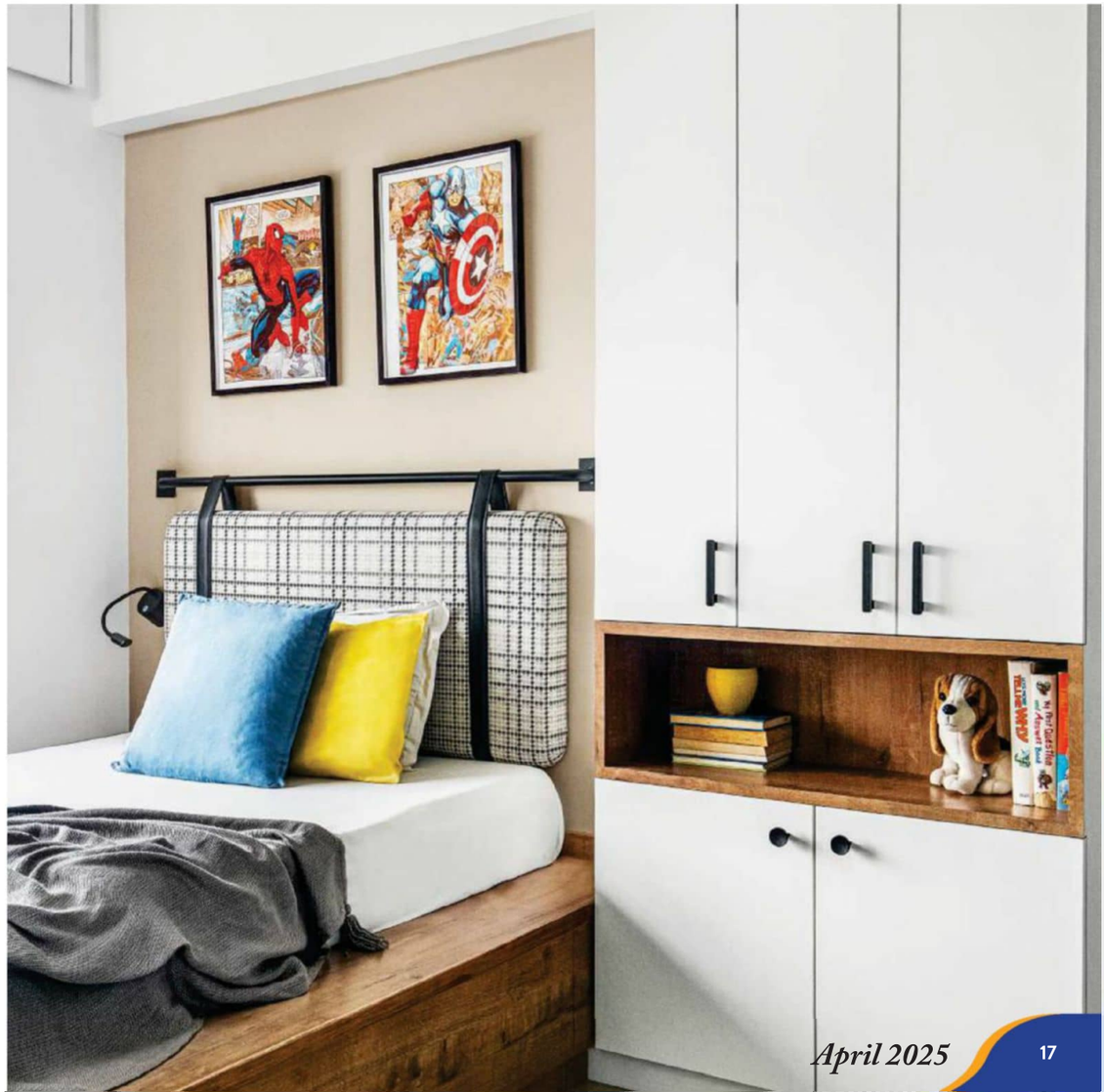
The homeowners wanted their space to change as they did. The couple's pre-teen children required flexible spaces that could develop with their interests. At the same time, the lady of the house, with her artistic sensibility, wanted an interplay of textures, colour, and proportion. The outcome is a house that fosters a sense of community while embracing individuality.

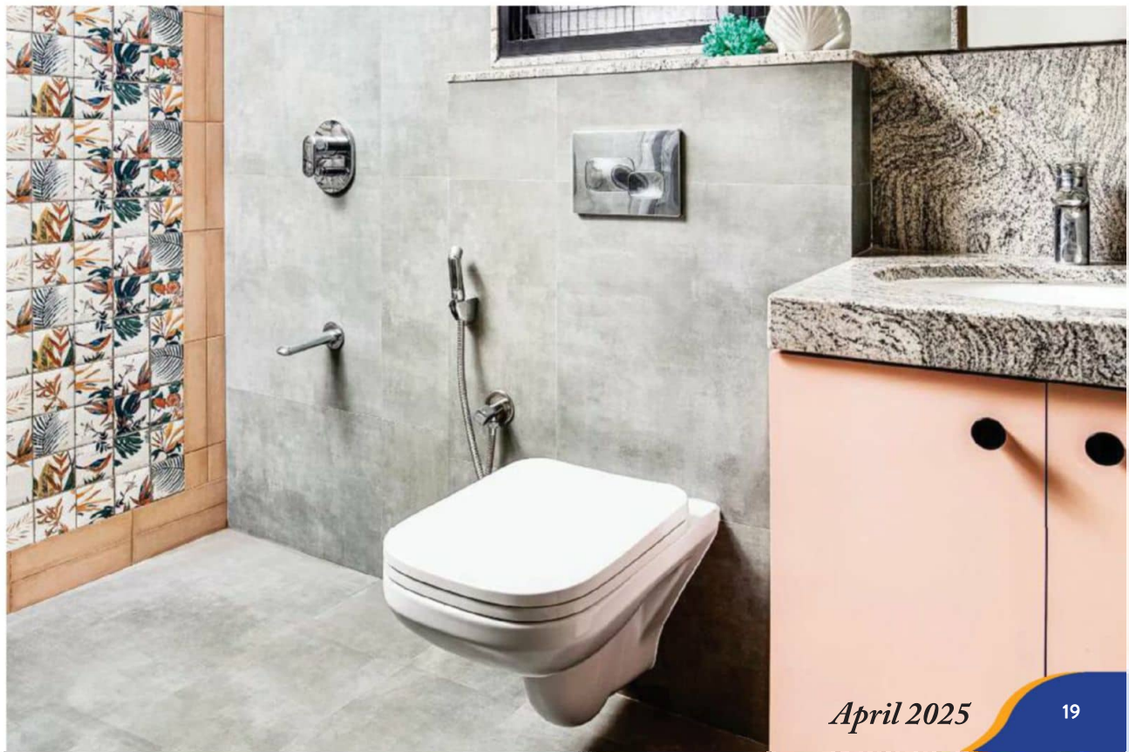


The central concept was flow and openness. Thanks to an open layout that lets natural light and air flow freely, every area feels peaceful and spacious. Combining earthy pastel hues with striking black accents created a subtle yet contemporary ambience. Clear lines, minimal clutter, and astute spatial planning ensured that every space functioned without overpowering the senses.

The floor beds in the kids' bedrooms have built-in storage, which promotes play and provides flexibility.

Open shelving provides a canvas for changing artwork and collectibles. Laminates, Duco finishes, and wallpaper were used to revitalise the existing wardrobes, adding tactile richness and blending in perfectly with the newly renovated interior.

The material palette balances longevity and simplicity with subdued shades of blush pinks, sage greens, and gentle blues layered against warm wooden textures and subtle taupes. The mood of the house is greatly influenced by the lighting, which is layered to make each area feel cosy and intimate. Contemporary art, carefully chosen accessories, and soft furnishings add a final layer of depth, transforming the area into a tasteful fusion of usage and style.



Portuguese ruins redesigned for adaptive reuse

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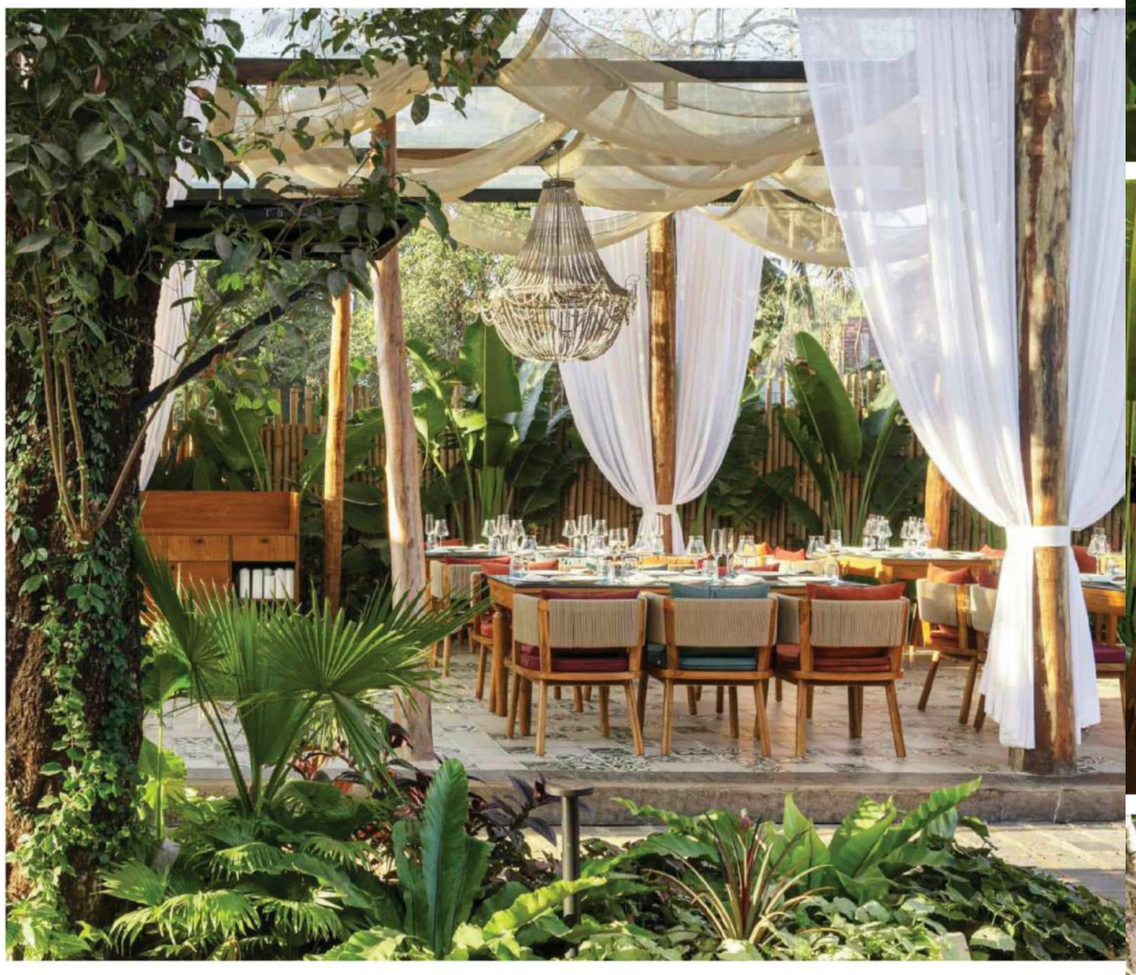
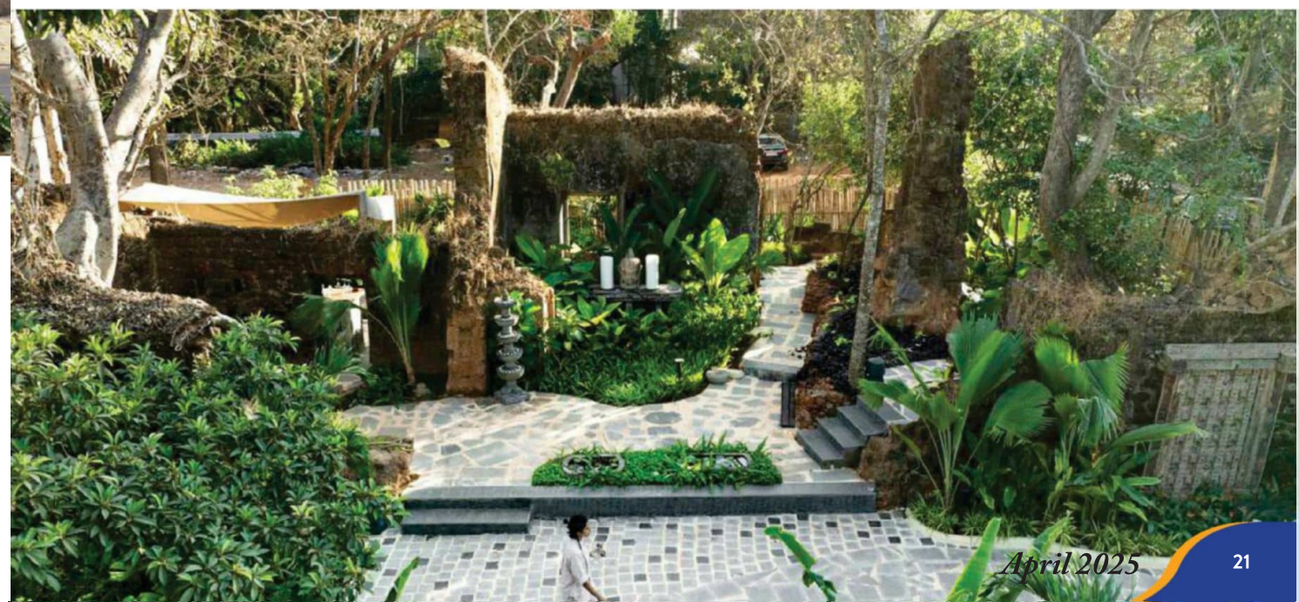


Sanctuary is an evolutionary landscape project that breathes new life into the ruins of an ancient Portuguese building, resulting in an immersive bar and kitchen experience. Nestled in rugged terrain, this design embraces nature's raw beauty while harmoniously blending with historic architecture. The outcome is a captivating space that seamlessly integrates history, nature, and design.

As guests walk into "Sanctuary", they are greeted by ruins partially encased in the roots of a centuries-old tree—an evocative metaphor for resilience and adaptation. These preserved ruins serve as a testament to the site's history, while nature's encroachment represents the interaction of the built and the organic. This balance establishes the tone for a landscape intended to amplify the link between the past and the present.

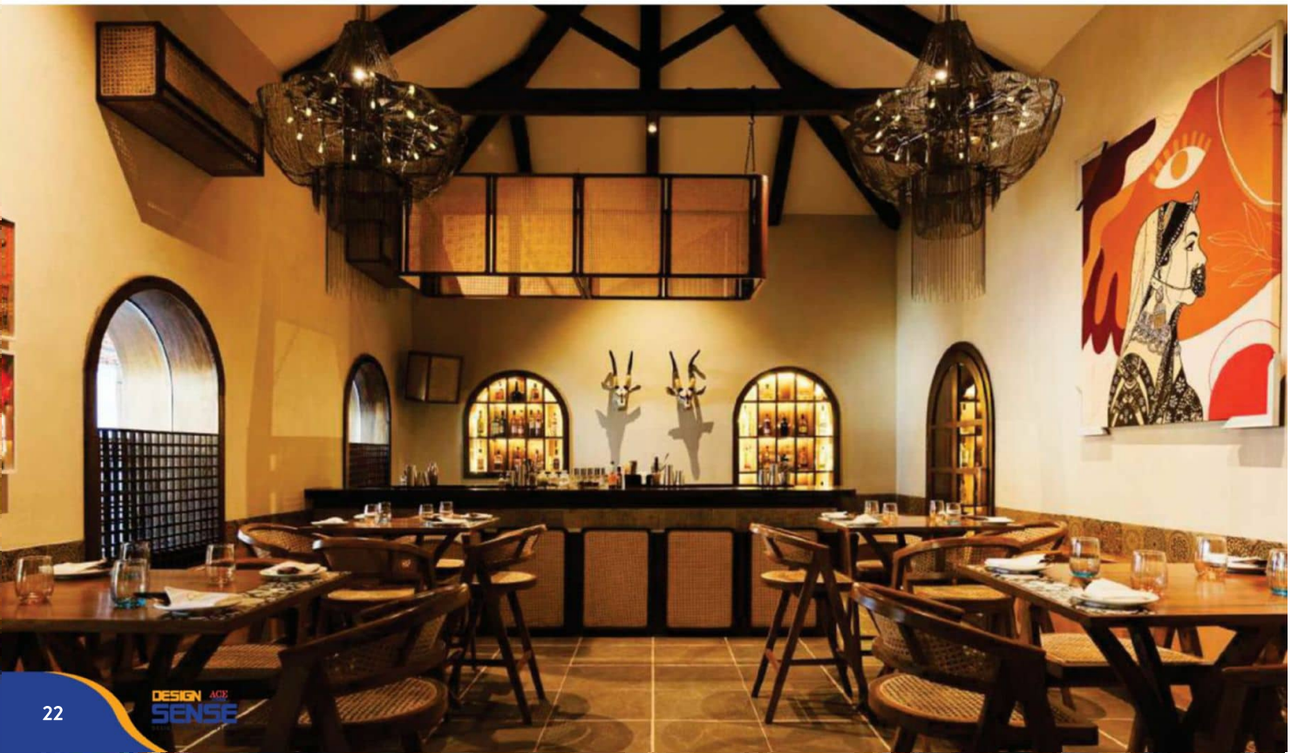
The landscape embraces, rather than taming, the rugged terrain, turning obstacles into creative opportunities. Winding stone pathways lead guests through lush greenery, revealing hidden nooks. These paths serve as narrative elements, inviting exploration at a leisurely pace. Elevated viewpoints offer panoramic views of the surrounding landscape, highlighting the contrast between ancient ruins and untamed nature. Locally sourced materials, such as natural stone, help to reinforce the project's sustainability and deep connection to the land.

Art is woven throughout the space, with sculptures and murals narrating stories about the site's history.



These elements are not just decorations; they are essential to the experience, encouraging guests to engage with history and landscape meaningfully. Natural stone steps lead to elevated viewpoints, perfectly integrating nature, light, and architecture. The blurred lines between indoor and outdoor spaces create a natural flow that encourages movement and discovery.

"Sanctuary" is an exceptional example of adaptive reuse, in which design transforms a challenging space into a vibrant and reflective destination. Whether visitors come for art, nature, or peace, the experience lasts beyond their visit. This project demonstrates landscape design's ability to connect people to the stories embedded in the land.



A seamless blend of materials and design

"Our approach was to design a tactile, grounded space that complemented nature while emphasising refined craftsmanship and timeless aesthetics." — Kiran Gala & Associates.

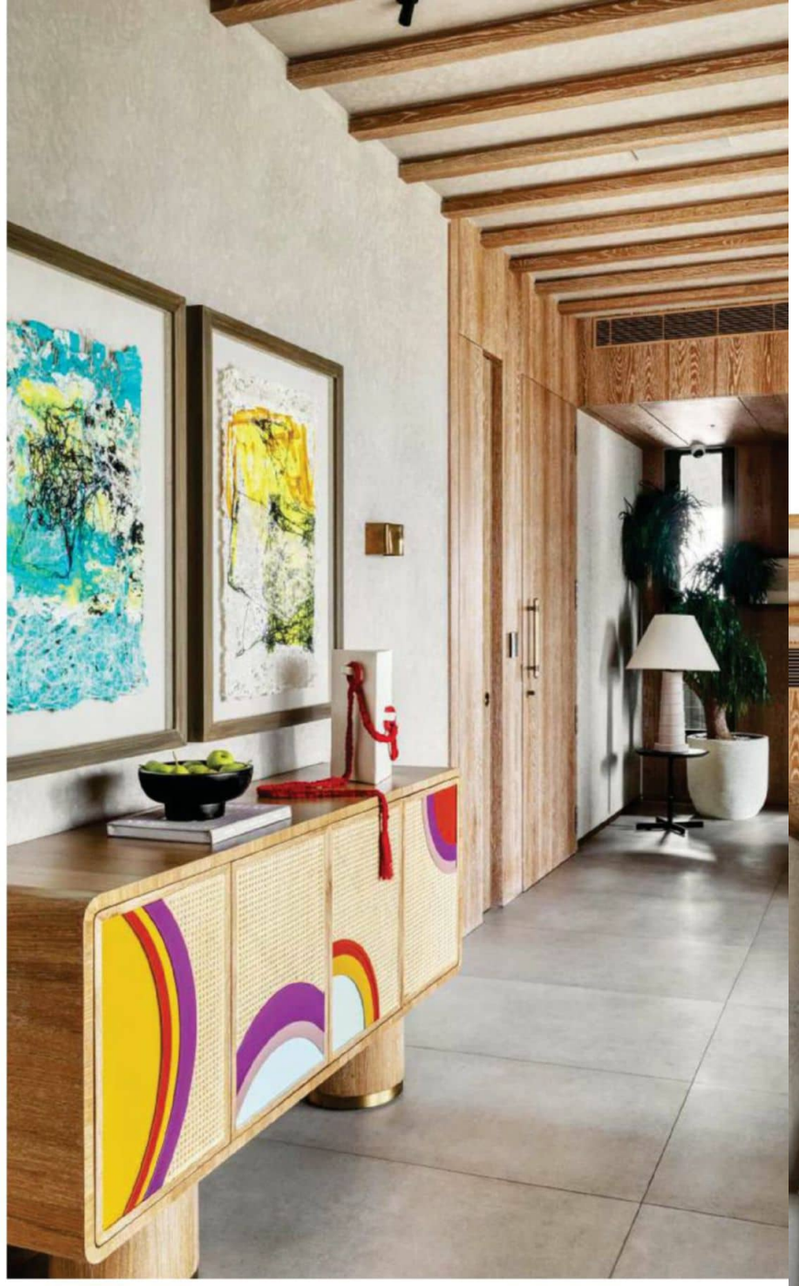
House IX expertly blends sustainable elements with refined luxury to create an environment that is sophisticated and effortlessly inviting. Designed as an entertainment space, it includes a master suite and a guest bedroom and is tailored to the clients' vision of a tactile, grounded aesthetic that differs from their primary residence.

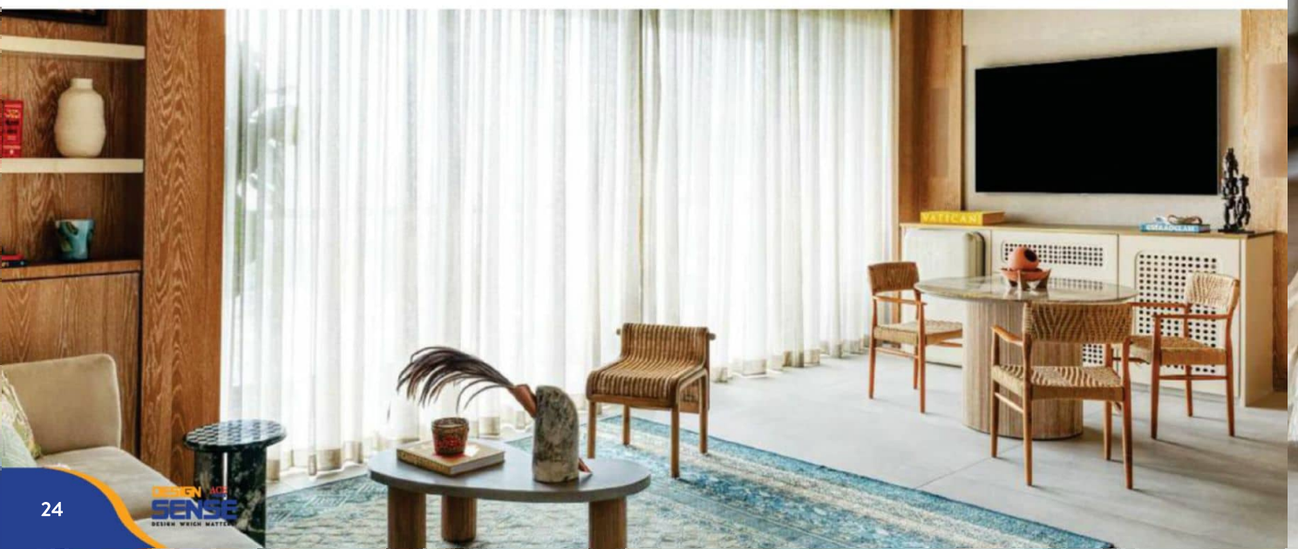
Kiran Gala & Associates' signature approach is evident in the careful juxtaposition of materials that evolve gracefully over time. The design goes beyond a strictly rustic language by incorporating carefully curated artwork and accessories, enriched by striking blue and rust accents, giving the interiors a dynamic yet elegant character. Intricate ceiling details and an efficiently integrated air conditioning system further enhance the space's elegant sophistication.

The open-plan living and dining area greets you warmly, framed by lush green views from the balcony. The dining area subtly highlights a Smeg refrigerator, a deliberate focal point within

a custom credenza designed to match its shape and colour. A discreetly placed kitchenette and storage room adjoin this space, leading to the master suite. The master bedroom has a large walk-in closet that leads to an en-suite bathroom. It also has a private balcony.

The material palette combines taupe stucco walls, beige veneer, and grey flooring tiles to create a sophisticated, monochromatic base that unifies the entire design. Warm wooden flooring in the master suite complements travertine marble accents and fluted panelling, adding to the space's understated opulence. The guest bedroom introduces a subtle variation with striped wallpaper, adding depth while maintaining the overall tone balance. Throughout the home, carefully considered colour interventions bring life to the earthy tones, while delicate brass detailing adds a touch of quiet sophistication.





The dining table is a striking example of sustainability, made from repurposed materials salvaged from the site. This bespoke piece, made of meticulously assembled marble remnants and fluted veneer legs, exemplifies the project's commitment to sustainable resource use without sacrificing elegance.

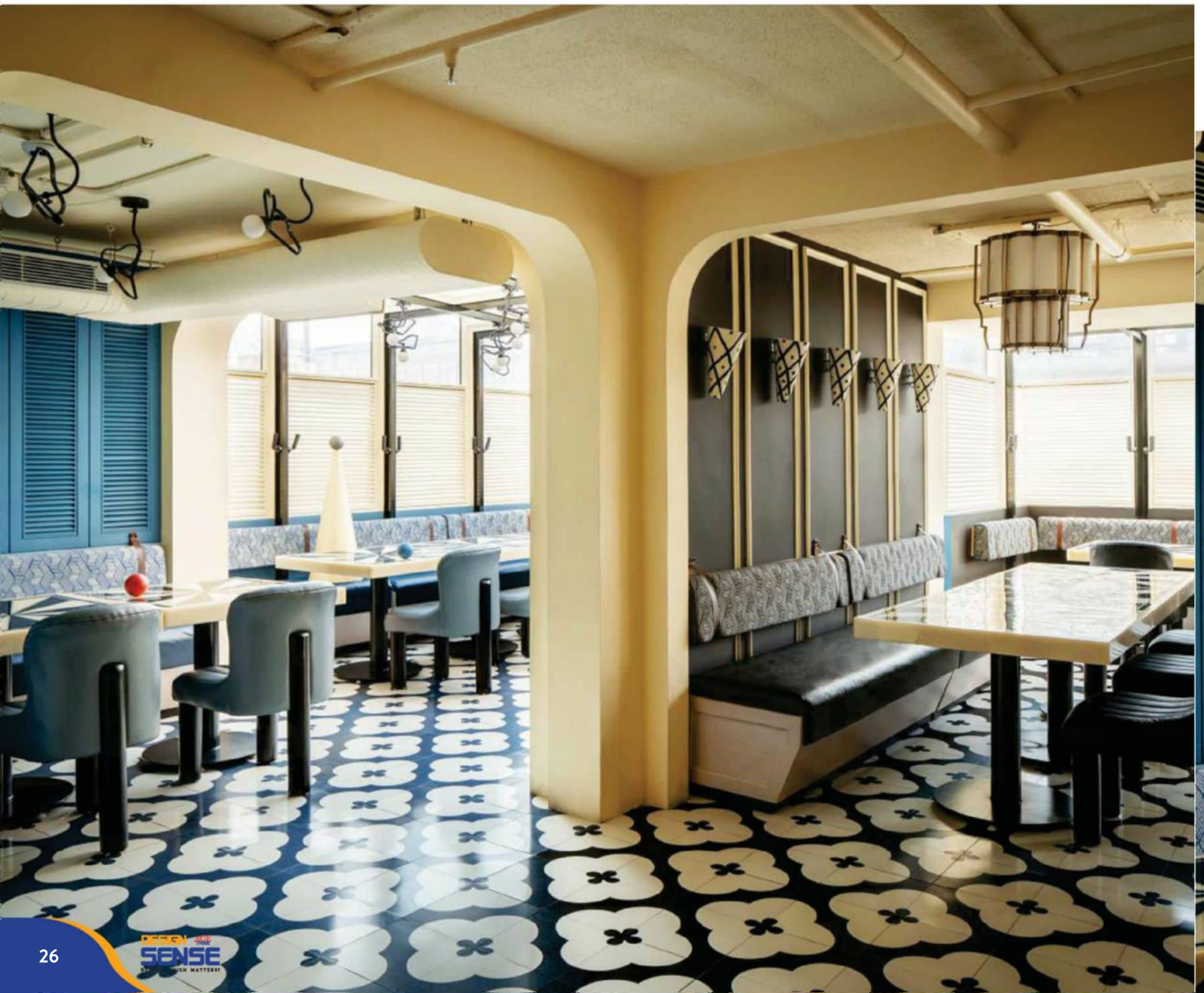
House IX represents an exquisite blend of functionality and aesthetic refinement. Its meticulously curated materiality and design narrative honour timeless elegance, sustainability, and a harmonious living experience, reflecting thoughtful contemporary craftsmanship.

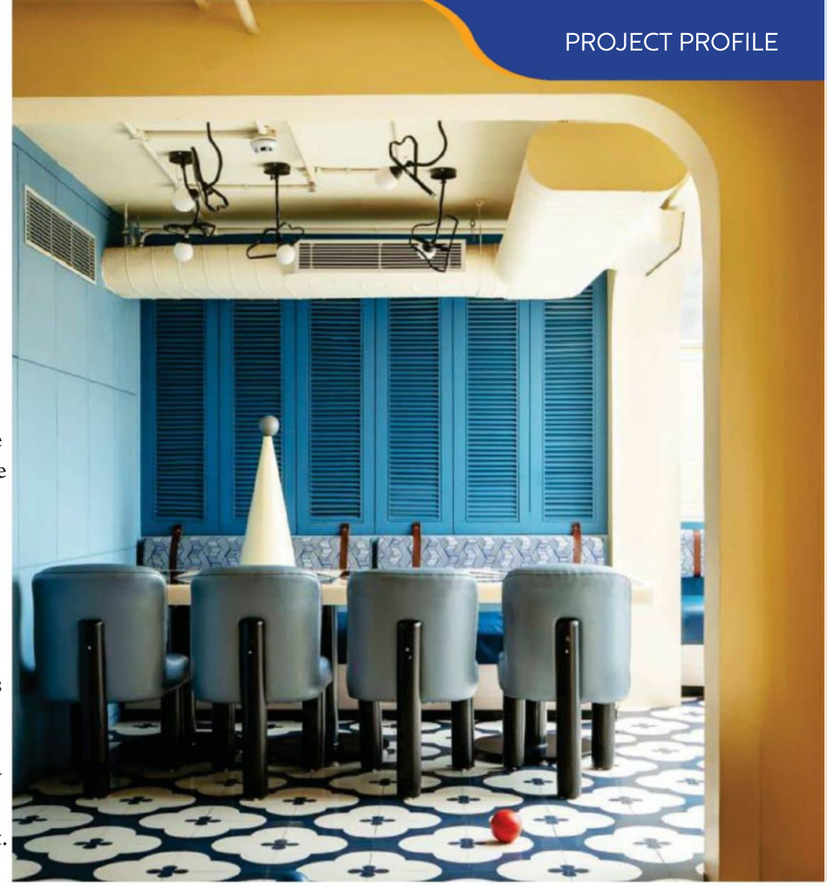
Vibrant and adaptable space elevates the contemporary dining experience

"A bold combination of flexibility and design, Masala is a vibrant dining experience where each visit feels engaging and memorable." — Sian Architects.

Masala, located on New Delhi's vibrant streets, reinvents traditional dining by embracing the ever-changing nature of contemporary Indian cuisine. It is designed to be adaptable, catering to young professionals looking for casual meals and large families celebrating milestones. Masala embodies India's communal dining spirit, transforming from a sit-down restaurant to a lively banquet hall.

Masala's design, housed within a brutalist bank complex, deals with structural challenges such as varying ceiling heights—14 feet in some areas and only 7.5 feet in others. The vision was to create an environment where every visit felt like a celebration. The design prioritises experience over branding, creating warmth and vibrancy that reflects Indian hospitality.





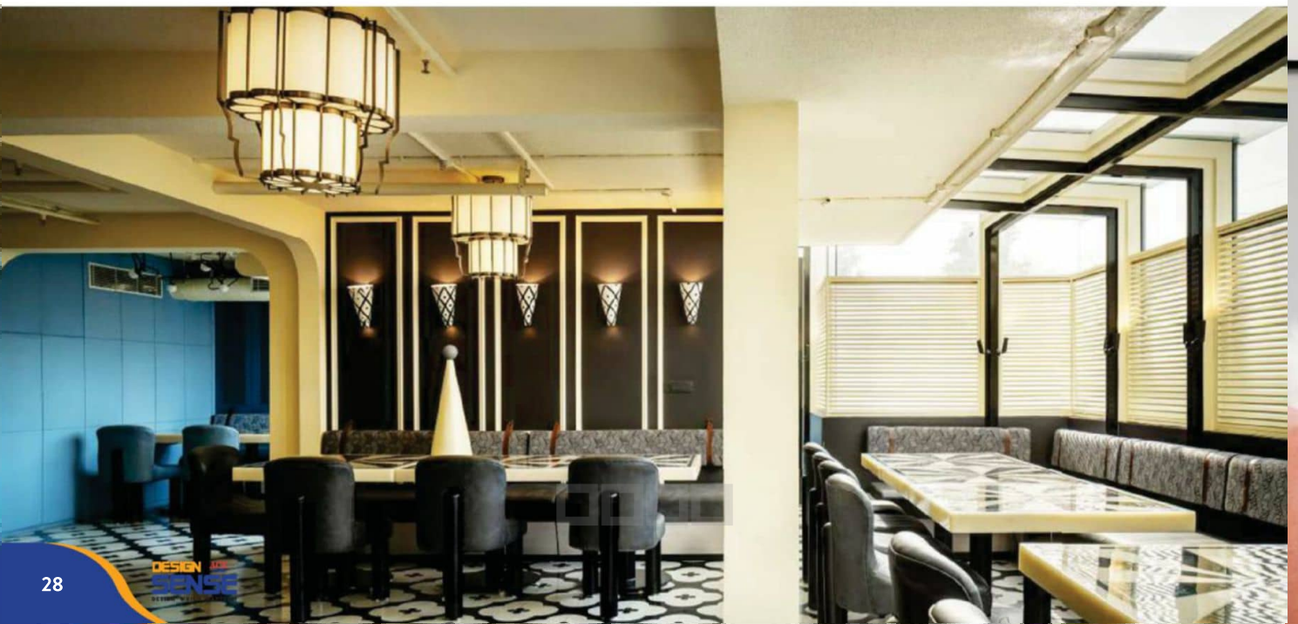
Masala defines its zones using a dynamic colour-coding system, which improves functionality while bringing life to the otherwise austere environment. The strategic floor plan reconfiguration employs primary colours—blue, yellow, and red—refined to cream, deep black, and vibrant red for a harmonious appearance. Upon entering, several narrow corridors greet the visitors before they reach the dramatic 14-foot-high red zone, Masala's heart. This area contains the bar

while the black zone provides a peaceful retreat for intimate groups of 10 to 30. The open-to-sky blue zone offers an airy, whimsical dining experience under the stars for groups of 8 to 20.

Colour integration extends beyond walls to flooring, upholstery, and even cutlery, creating a cohesive experience. Custom lighting enhances each zone, with moon-shaped pendant lights in the red zone, winged fixtures in blue, and hand-painted cone lights in black. The outdoor blue zone includes automated bird lights, which add to its playful charm.

Masala's intuitive design encourages guests to naturally gravitate towards spaces that meet their needs, inspiring creative usage. More than a restaurant, it's a living, evolving space where every meal becomes a memorable journey, whether a quiet dinner or a grand celebration.

and dance floor, which sets the stage for lively social interactions. The journey continues into the expansive cream zone, ideal for large gatherings of 35 to 50 people,

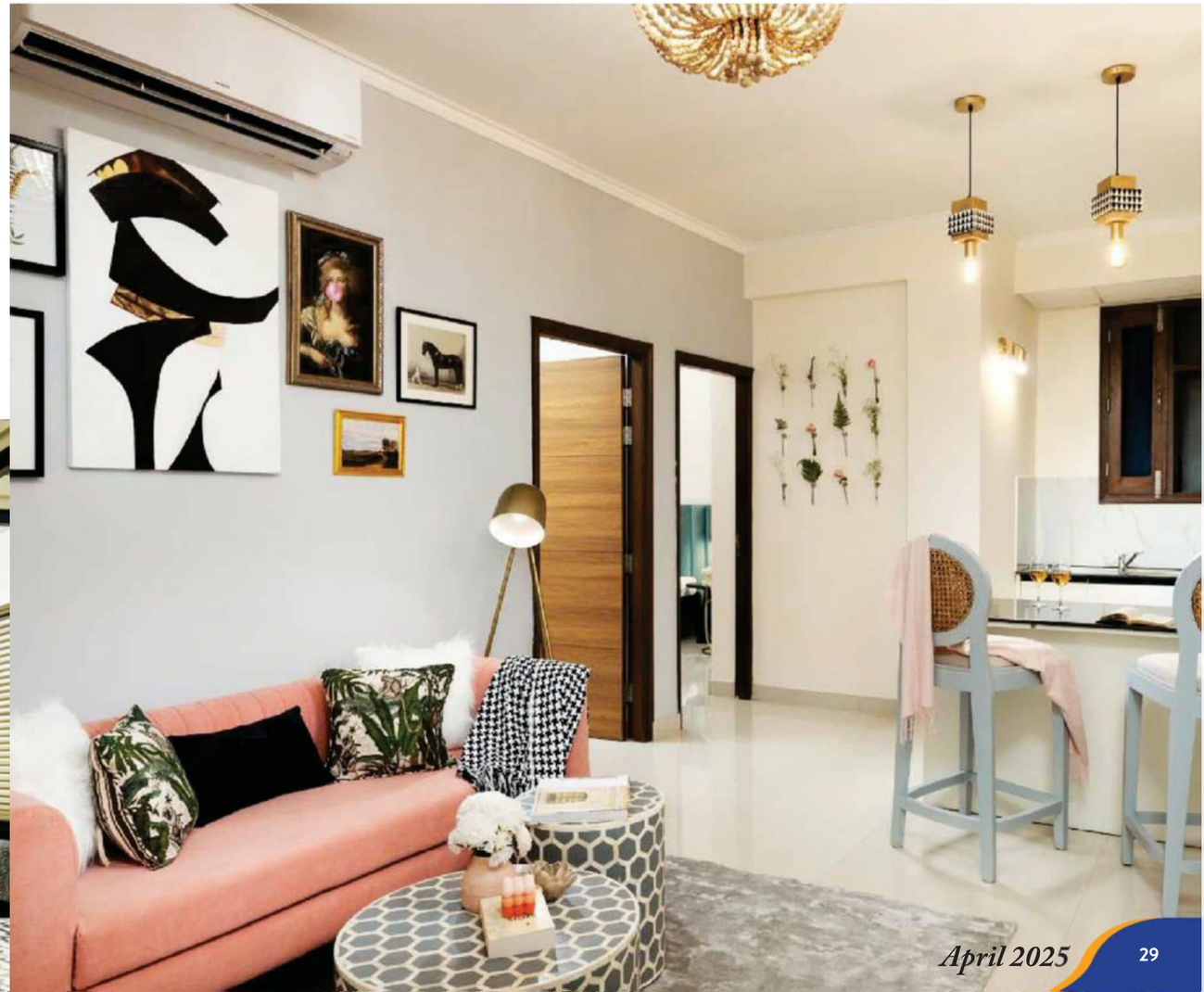


A family flat blending European elegance and Konmari minimalism

"Every area of this house exudes warmth, purpose, and joyful charm, demonstrating that personality can still shine through functionality." —The Design Salad.

This small family home is an ideal fusion of contemporary style and practicality. It features minimalist details with a Parisian cosy vibe in the living room. The pops of colour throughout the spaces speak volumes about the fun element a young family requires daily. The master bedroom features a stunning wallpaper backdrop that accentuates the wall without crowding the space.

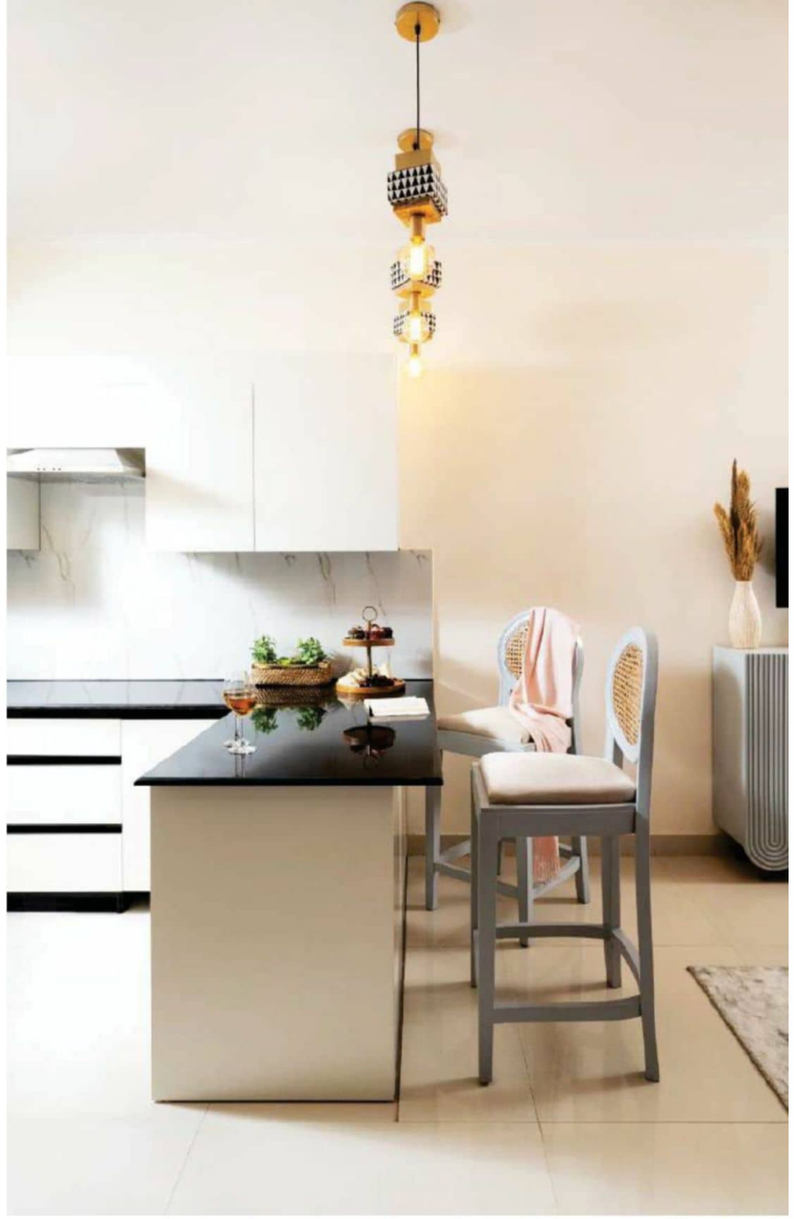
This compact flat, inspired by the Konmari minimalism method and European grace, is the ideal blend of modern design and function. Ditching the notion that a two-bedroom flat can't be fun and inviting, this small family home's design style is eclectic, modern, fresh, yet rooted in warmth and comfort. It is a perfect testimony to



how proportioned spaces and custom designs can be provided for every client.

The master bedroom features a stunning wallpaper backdrop highlighting the wall without crowding the space. Teenagers enjoying their adolescence and parents bidding farewell to their children's room will love the second room. A bright peach sofa against a grey backdrop complements the formal space for entertaining guests while also serving as a family lounge on a daily basis.

The apartment's layout includes an open kitchen with a breakfast counter, encouraging interaction. The client's brief did not include a false ceiling, so the designers had to go old school with lots of ambient lighting in each room to keep the European style at the forefront. The entire space is functional, with adequate storage to keep it clutter-free.



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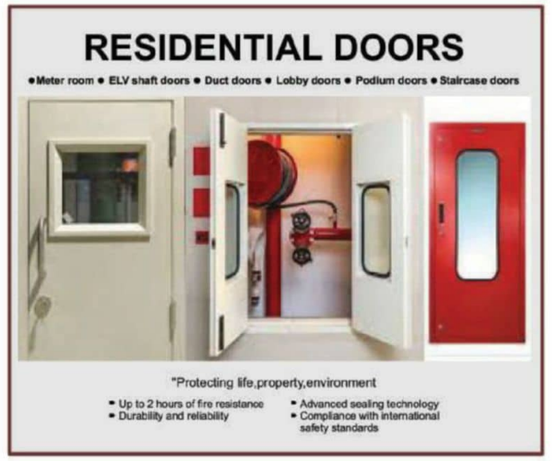
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